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| In re Application of |) | |
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| Inventors: Michael T. Loos et al. |) | |
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| Application No.: 09/848,952 |) | |
| |) | Examiner: Rutten, James D. |
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| Title: Method for Distributing, Integrating and |) | |
| Hosting a Software Platform |) | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Introductory Comments:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 1, 2005, the Advisory Action mailed February 1, 2006 and in conjunction with a request for a three month extension of time and the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully submit the following response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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